

**Conservation Commission**  
**Milfoil Committee Minutes**

For Tuesday, July 26, 2016 @ 8:30 AM @ the Moultonborough Town Hall

**Members Present:** Chairman Karin Nelson, Al Hoch, Ginny Gassman, Amy Lindamood, Bev Nelson, Tracy Waterman, Scott Bartlett, Dave Joyce

**Others Present:** Walter Johnson, Bob Goffredo,

**Members Absent:** Paul Ardito,

The meeting began at 8:37 AM.

- 1- Minutes: Amy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended below, seconded by Bev and approved unanimously.

Al corrected the record that the trolling motor that was replaced belonged to AB Aquatics.

- 2- Herbicide treatment: Karin approved a 26-acre herbicide treatment slated for Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. The certified letters to about 100 abutters have already been sent out. This was a mistake because last year the committee voted unanimously to approve all herbicide treatments as a committee before they were scheduled. Also, we had agreed not to do treatments in July and August unless there was an important reason to do so.

Al said there were seeds forming on the plants and it would be better to get rid of the plants now rather than September. Also he said that there could be problem scheduling around the steamboats.

Ginny expressed misgivings about doing any herbicide treatment in July and August when the lake is so busy and swimming would be prohibited in some areas for 24 hours. Even though letters are sent to abutters and roads and islands are posted, it would be easy for boaters and other users of the lake to have missed this information. She said since lake usage is so much less in September (and June) treatments should only be done then.

The committee discussed postponing the treatment, but this would include re-informing abutters twice with a notice of the postponement and a new certified letter for the later treatment.

Scott made a motion to move ahead with the treatment as planned and to be sensitive to public input on the timing, which was seconded Al and passed unanimously.

Bev will scan a copy of the posting sign and gave it to Alison to post on the web page.

Sign posting: Bob, Karin, Al, Amy and maybe Paul Daisy will do sign posting.

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a) Phone conf. Summary- Amy L.

There was a phone conference with DES. The group reviewed the areas designated for herbicide treatment. There was a discussion that the areas had been treated in the past 3-4 times and whether this herbicide was really working. Mike from Solitude said that they had seen a milfoil density reduction. Amy said since the areas had been left unchecked for decades the root system could be very deep. Karin asked if increasing the amount of herbicide would help, and the response was that increasing can shock the plant and keep it from getting destroyed. A new herbicide is being tested by Amy in a small area and there are great hopes that could work well in the future. When you are treating in colder water the herbicide stays in the pellet longer and could affect the residual amount in the water for sampling.

b) Sampling- Amy has spoken to Bob Wolfe (Dept of Agriculture). He agreed the committee can do half of the sampling to save costs. Granite State will do the samples closest to the boat launch, and volunteers would collect the samples further out. Training for the sampling could be done at the boat launch. The first round of Testing will be around August 13. Karin, Bev, and Ginny volunteered to do sampling.

3- Financing: Karin shared the current financial numbers.

4- More DASH vendor "test" follow-up: Karin talked about comparing points per plants. Also actual amount of milfoil vs. percentage of milfoil metrics. Also, the committee discussed the results of the after DASH diver survey. Dave shared what he saw during his dive. While surveying, he did circles as he worked his way back to the original spot.

5- Lake Host follow-up- Scott

The problems with the Lake Host sign have been resolved, thanks to Al, Scott and Walter. Tracy has been having some issues with some of the paid lake hosts. Also there are problems with a few volunteers cancelling at the last moment.

Scott made a presentation at the Krainewood Association meeting. (Ash Cove and Salmon Meadow Cove). Two people volunteered to help with the milfoil effort. Also there is a potential diver who is willing to get certified.

6- Weed watcher trainings update-Bev: On the water contact with new people is working out really well. There have been a couple of new weed watchers trained since the last meeting.

7- Google Earth mapping training- AL— this agenda item was delayed.

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8- Next meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 at the Town Hall.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

A21: Karin will discuss further with Amy, in order to have a program in shallow water for harvesting. Status: ongoing. Latest update: Bob Paterson said he would follow up on shallow water pulling.

A42: Ginny to add to the Activities List: submit people to be invited to the volunteer luncheon in August.

A50: Ginny to talk to Alison about how to link about the fertilizer use info to web the site. – ongoing

A52: Amy L. to get clarification from the Dept. of Agriculture on why so much sampling was done without notice. Ongoing

A62: Homework for everyone is to email Ginny about any boat launch we know of and any rangeways. We will try to ask the state to provide us with a list of the private launches. Ginny to look. (Scott, Al) Further discussion...we have a GIS list.

A63: Teresa Eichhorn is compiling a list of Lake Associations

A65: Amy is to put together a "how-to-use" card for "My GPS Coordinates Pro". The weed watcher will need to indicate what level of milfoil density they are seeing.